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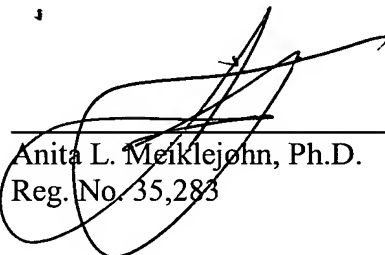
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In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 10, 2004, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b, a check for \$695 for the required fee, including patent copies, and Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner has included Reasons for Allowance with the Notice of Allowance dated February 10, 2004.

In the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner noted that the "crystal structures of many malate dehydrogenases are available" and that Birktoft et al. (Biochemistry 28:6065, 1989) teaches a crystal structure and domain structure of a malate dehydrogenase. Applicants note that they have not argued that the availability of crystal structure data for any malate dehydrogenase is relevant to whether the present allowed claims are enabled. In particular, Applicants have not and do not take any position regarding whether the malate dehydrogenase described by Birktoft et al. is relevant to the allowed claims. Moreover, Applicants believe that the allowed claims are patentable irrespective of the availability of crystal structure data for any malate dehydrogenase.

Applicants file herewith a Response to Notice of Allowance, completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b, and the required issue fee payment. However, in doing so, Applicants do not relinquish their rights to contend at a later date that there are other reasons for patentability of the allowed claims or any other claims.

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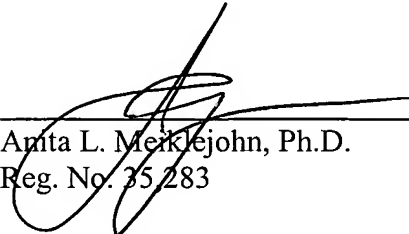
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